

# PATROL NEWS

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"Over 85 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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# From the Staff ...

**Major Vince S. Rice**  
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The Patrol is a proud organization, rich in tradition with a national reputation for excellence. We enjoy these accolades and successes due the caliber of work our employees discharge daily. Regardless of the challenges we face, our employees meet them head-on, performing extraordinary feats to achieve our goals and get the job done. Despite our success, we, too, have an arch nemesis ... a worthy adversary, capable of taking on many forms. Few other foes evoke such uncertainty and fear as the one we call CHANGE.

We tend to fear change and at best are cynically skeptical of it. Our fear and resistance can come from not knowing or being misinformed about the “why” behind the change, our perception that we had no input, or simply because it *is* change. Just as continuing with a process or a way of conducting our work because, “That’s the way we’ve always done it,” is fundamentally flawed, resisting and fearing change simply because it is change is equally flawed. For years, we have espoused the importance of innovation and encouraged “outside the box” thinking. So, why then, when we do step outside the proverbial box and affect change, does it tend to scare us to death?

Change is healthy if focused on improving the motivation, job satisfaction, and performance of our employees and the effectiveness of the organization. Though change is inevitable and often driven by factors beyond our control, how we individually choose to react to it, our attitude, is a choice. In speaking of change and attitude, television personality Brian Tracy said, “You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control your attitude toward what happens to you, and in that, you will be mastering change rather than allowing it to master you.”

In 2013, the Patrol invested in Leadership in Police Organizations training which is a three-week course adapted from the curriculum at the United States Military Academy at West Point. The concepts of leading taught in the LPO course are a significant change from how the Patrol and law enforcement organizations have viewed leadership. This course introduces a systematic leader thought process to analyze and address issues through the application of motivational theories and behavioral science. The scary part of this change? The foundational principles of the course are based on leader/follower relationships—getting to know your people and applying feedback. Despite this course initially being met with skepticism, it is now well received and as I write this, our sixth LPO class is in session.

Stemming from conversations that occur during the first days of LPO, a recent change seen by the Patrol occurred when Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, a graduate herself, announced the Patrol’s leadership philosophy. Since our inception, the Patrol has been blessed with leaders who were both an inspiration and a model for us to follow. Our current leadership philosophy built upon their leadership legacies. Col. Karsten providing a written leadership philosophy to employees gives them a framework for what it means to lead and to follow. Specific expectations for what leadership should look like, and a clear focus on key principles to develop our followers, will certainly enhance our leader performance into the next generation. Like our vision, mission, and core values, this philosophy serves as a reinforcing mechanism in defining and shaping the Patrol.

Some are certainly asking, “Why is this change relevant or significant to me?” Every day, regardless of our rank, position, or job title, each of us are called upon to lead—many times demonstrated

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## Social Media Snapshot



*This post was  
posted to Twitter  
and Facebook for  
Valentine's Day.  
It was a huge hit  
with over 62,000  
shares, reaching  
almost five million  
people!*

The Patrol's social media accounts are hopping these days. The above post for Valentine's Day had reached over five million people and gained over 10,000 reactions. We welcomed over 4,000 new "likes" to our page because of this single post.

During 2017, the Patrol communicated to 15,322 followers via its 13 Twitter accounts. General Headquarters tweeted 760 times. On Facebook, 97,936 likes provided the public's reaction to agency posts. The Patrol posted 690 times in Facebook in 2017; its page has 98,559 followers. Social media certainly has proven to be an asset to keeping the public informed.

## Cover

*Marine Mechanics Tony Luebbering and Jack Thomason prepare a new dive boat to be entered into service. See related story on pages 14-15.*

simply by how we choose to follow. History has shown us that most organizational successes are due to great followership, not great leadership. Our followership style or our choice in how we perceive and react to the shared goals of the organization along with our level of engagement toward our mission is significantly impacted by something we bring to work with us every day ... *our attitude.*

Charles R. Swindoll, a pastor, author, and educator, spoke on this very subject. He referenced how attitude influences every part of our lives. How the attitudes of the individuals strengthen or destroy groups and entities of which they are a part. His closing statement on the subject is one worthy of note, "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And, so it is with

*you...we are in charge of our attitudes."* Given the premise of this article has focused on change and our reaction to it, I felt his comments were quite appropriate.

Change continues to occur all around us. What has not and should not change is the Patrol's fundamental approach to providing the highest level of service and protection to the citizens we serve. It's simply what we do. The Patrol is not immune from reactions to societal events in policing, the over generalization of law enforcement, or the all too common negative perceptions that accompany both. However, our truly grassroots approach to policing and service has not changed from that of our founding members. Sharing a conversation with a stranger over a cup of coffee, volunteering at church or school, taking the extra time to explain a driver's test or crash report, answering a citizen's phone call, the examples are endless.

Our daily work builds and strengthens these relationships within our communities every day, which fosters our success, upholds our traditions, and shields us from critics.

Patrol employees will certainly continue to face challenges and change. Please know it is your commitment and your work that solidifies our reputation for excellence and maintains our public trust. As we lead the organization forward striving to leave it better than we found it, let us never be afraid to change. Fear stifles innovation and breeds complacency. Lastly, be always mindful it is not the jobs we do, but how we do our jobs, our attitude, that sets our employees and our organization apart.

*W. S. R.*

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

**45 years ago**

*April 1973* — The front cover and additional pictures inside this issue showed the story of a one-day old baby boy suffering from congenital heart problems. Pilot/Corporal Jerry Turley flew the baby from Springfield, MO, to Columbia, MO, (University Medical Center) using the Patrol's STOL aircraft. Emergency equipment, first aid supplies, and a five-foot cargo door made the STOL a great air ambulance. In this particular case, the 110-volt outlet in the aircraft allowed for the operation of the baby's incubator during the flight.

**35 years ago**

*March 1983* — This issue announced a new computer had been installed and placed into operation in the Patrol's command center.

**25 years ago**

*April 1993* — One story told how a phone call to Troop A alerted troopers to the location of a vehicle wanted in a homicide and kidnapping investigation. Troopers responded and secured the driver and one passenger. The computer entry on the vehicle indicated there should be three vehicle occupants. The investigation discovered

**5 years ago**

*March/April 2013* — A story reported U.S. Highway 71 had been renamed Interstate 49. An advanced spectroscopic portal at the D-4 East weigh station on Interstate 44 in Joplin, MO. Sergeant Danielle E. Heil, Q/DCC, accepted the DPS Employee of the Month award for January 2013.

**15 years ago**

*March 2003* — The cover pictured Recruit Grant T. Johnson learning how to take legible fingerprints from Criminal History Specialist I Brad Meyerhoff, Q/CRID. Clerk Typist III Barbara Kidwell accepted the Department of Public Safety's Meritorious Service Award.

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# Gregory Named DDCC Officer Of The Year

*By Sgt. Shawn M. Griggs, Q/DDCC*

Lieutenant Phillip E. Gregory recently accepted DDCC's Officer of the Year for 2017, reflecting his work and dedication in 2017. Daily, Lt. Gregory displays the ability to assess a situation and provide solid decisions. His subordinates respect his advice. Lt. Gregory's personality and work ethic have allowed him to forge relationships with individuals and partner agencies throughout his district. Lt. Gregory serves the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force by being a permanent board member. He provides well thought out opinions and respects the opinions of others. He is knowledgeable and able to provide computer technical assistance to both criminal units and the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force. Some of his work specific to 2017 includes:

- At approximately 10 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017, a request came for DDCC's Troop E Unit to investigate an in-custody death at the Mississippi County Jail. Lt. Gregory responded with members of the Troop E Unit and supervised the investigation. He not only provided direction, but worked alongside the investigators. He traveled with members of the Troop E Unit to meet with the family of the deceased to foster open lines of communication between their family and law enforcement. Lt. Gregory was instrumental as a liaison between Patrol and county officials. He ensured this investigation, which had the potential of racial overtones, involving law enforcement was successfully and professionally managed.
- Civil unrest was planned as a response to the verdict in former St. Louis Metro Police Department Officer Jason Stockley. Lt. Gregory coordinated logistics for DDCC throughout the detail Sept. 15-20, 2017, and weeks/months to follow. Lt. Gregory worked tirelessly before, during, and after each event planning, coordinating and imple-

menting DDCC's response. When Lt. Gregory was in the Command Center he was viewed as a leader not only by Highway Patrol employees but by all our partner agencies. Lt. Gregory coordinated the detail providing security to the judge and his family during the time leading up to and after the verdict was announced on September 15. He and the detail were recognized and commended by the judge for their professionalism and efficiency.

- After over a year of hard work, the national task team operating under the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council published a resource document to aid investigative efforts related to officer-involved use-of-force incidents. Lt. Gregory served as a member of that task force. This resource, "Considerations and Recommendations Regarding the State and Local Officer-Involved Use-of-Force Investigations," was finalized and disseminated in August of 2017. Lt. Gregory was selected for the task force as a subject matter expert.
- Lt. Gregory and other Troop C investigators were recognized in



**Lieutenant Phillip E. Gregory**

December of 2017 at a ceremony at the FBI Office in St. Louis for their dedication and contributions to a joint law enforcement effort in a 2013 investigation. It started as a missing person investigation, and turned into a homicide investigation and the recovery of the body.

Thank you, Lt. Gregory for your dedicated service and excellent leadership! Congratulations on being named 2017 DDCC Officer of the Year!

## Anyone Want A Cookie?

*By Troop A*

When a U-Haul truck slowed as it approached Sgt. Greg D. Primm's patrol car, he noticed. Sgt. Primm, Troop A, was patrolling Interstate 70 eastbound when the truck passed him at the 51-mile marker. He stopped the truck after the driver traveled in the left lane for nine miles at 76 mph. Upon approaching the U-Haul, Sgt. Primm could smell raw marijuana. The driver and passenger both admitted to possessing two pounds of marijuana. A search of the cargo area revealed 4.61 pounds of marijuana and 23.2 pounds of THC-infused cookies in vacuum sealed bags. The driver stated he intended to give the cookies away and said there were 600 cookies. The drugs were seized and both driver and passenger taken into custody.

# Middleton Named DDCC Civilian Of The Year

**Sgt. Shawn M. Griggs, Q/DDCC**

The Division of Drug and Crime Control chose Criminal Intelligence Analyst II Douglas S. Middleton, who serves as the HIDTA criminal intelligence analyst, as its Civilian of the Year for 2017.

- In November 2016, Sergeant Donald L. Crump, Q/DDCC, anonymously received two wire transfer receipts with a message that they would “probably be worth looking into.” A conversation with Lt. Philip Gregory, Q/DDCC, put him in touch with Doug, who has access to a system called TRAC, which tracks money wire transfers over \$500 in the southwest part of the country.

Doug was eager to assist and within days linked numerous people in multiple states who were sending wire transfers to the same suspects in California. Further investigative work revealed the suspects were wiring money to California and were receiving marijuana, shipped through the mail, in exchange.

Doug continued to monitor money wire transfers from November 2016, through October 2017. It wasn't unusual for him to work on a weekend, holiday, or while he was on extended annual leave. He made this investigation HIS investigation and had just as much or more interest in it than Sgt. Crump did. By the end of the investigation, Doug identified approximately 70 suspects in five states who were either sending or receiving money in exchange for marijuana. He also identified approximately \$300,000 that was sent to California, which more than likely was exchanged for about 300 pounds of marijuana.

The main goal for a criminal intelligence analyst is to take

large amounts of information and condense it in a way that is easily understood. Each month, Doug prepared a spreadsheet listing the money wire transactions for that month. He also kept a running total of money sent and received by each individual involved in the conspiracy, and a spreadsheet detailing suspect information, including descriptors, telephone numbers, addresses, and any other information he found on the suspects. Doug prepared a monthly work document spelling out each transaction, who sent the money, who received the money, how much was sent, and from where the money was sent and received. The case has been presented to the United States Attorney's Office in St. Louis and indictments are forthcoming.

In September 2017, a homicide occurred in Warren County, MO. While investigating the homicide, investigators learned the victim was killed over a drug debt owed to one of the suspects in Sgt. Crump's money laundering investigation. Sgt. Crump shared Doug's spreadsheets with the Warren County investigators, which made contacting suspects in their homicide investigation extremely easy. Through utilizing the intelligence prepared by Criminal Intel. Analyst Middleton, investigators cleared a home invasion investigation and a shooting in Cape Girardeau, MO, and are very close to solving their homicide.

In September 2017, former St. Louis Police Officer Jason Stockley was acquitted of charges resulting from a 2011 officer-involved shooting. The not guilty verdict resulted in another episode of civil unrest in the St Louis area. Crim. Intel. Analyst Middleton



**Douglas Middleton**

volunteered to travel to St Louis to assist with the response to the unrest. He was an integral part of information sharing to Patrol personnel as he assisted with staffing at the St Louis County Fusion Center during the unrest. This facilitated the sharing of information among participating agencies which furthered officer safety during the event.

Crim. Intel. Analyst Middleton is highly respected across the state and is routinely sought out for his knowledge and ingenuity in completing cases. Due to his experience, he has access to vast intelligence resources. When called on for assistance, he is always willing to offer solutions or provide assistance.

Thank you, Crim. Intel. Analyst Doug Middleton, for your dedicated service. You are a vital part of DDCC and its mission to provide the highest quality of investigative services. Congratulations on being named 2017 DDCC Civilian of the Year!

# COURAGEOUS WOMAN NAMED HONORARY TROOPER

*By Tpr. Dallas R. Thompson, Troop C*

It was 11:35 a.m. on August 26, 2017, when an object in the roadway changed lives forever. Kristan Gunter and her husband, Stephen Rodgers, were taking their grandchildren, Paisley, 2, and Levi, 8, to the park. Mrs. Gunter and Mr. Rodgers had just picked them up and were traveling eastbound on Interstate 70, east of Missouri Route K, when their vehicle struck an object in the roadway. Mrs. Gunter and Mr. Rodgers heard the object dragging under their vehicle and pulled over onto the shoulder of the road. After stopping, they noticed the rear of the vehicle had become engulfed in flames. The object the vehicle struck had punctured the gas tank and the sparks from the object contacting the roadway ignited the gasoline.

Mr. Rodgers immediately ordered everyone out of the vehicle. Eight-year-old Levi exited the vehicle without any trouble and ran to safety. Mrs. Gunter and Mr. Rodgers attempted to free two-year-old Paisley from her child restraint, and both received severe burns to their bodies when the car became fully engulfed in flames. Due to the heat and severity of the fire, Mrs. Gunter and Mr. Rodgers were forced to retreat from the vehicle before freeing Paisley.

Jennifer Emo and her husband were traveling eastbound on Interstate 70 and witnessed the vehicle catch fire. Mrs. Emo pulled over onto the shoulder of the road to offer assistance. Mrs. Emo observed Mrs. Gunter and Mr. Rodgers attempting to free Paisley from the vehicle. She ran to the burning vehicle and saw Paisley standing on the rear seat of the vehicle. Paisley was surrounded by flames and her clothes were on fire. Mrs. Emo quickly reached into the flames, grabbed Paisley by the arm and pulled her from the

burning vehicle. Mrs. Emo carried Paisley a safe distance from the vehicle, where other good Samaritans began pouring bottles of water on Paisley and Mrs. Emo. Mrs. Emo held Paisley in her arms until passing her off to emergency medical personnel upon their arrival on scene. Unfortunately, Paisley succumbed to her injuries and did not survive.

Mrs. Emo was also transported to Mercy Hospital, in Creve Coeur, MO, where she received treatment for second degree burns to her hands. She was later released.

Mrs. Emo selflessly placed herself in grave danger and acted in a manner that went well above and beyond what could be expected when rescuing Paisley. Mrs. Emo provided Paisley with a fighting chance to survive. Because of this, Trooper Joshua L. Hughes, Troop C, nominated Mrs. Emo to be an honorary trooper.

"I felt it is the least the Patrol can do to recognize an exemplary human being, who truly represented a trooper's care, compassion, and courage that day," said Tpr. Hughes. "It is people like Mrs. Emo who make Missouri and this world a better place to live."

On Monday January 30, 2018, Mrs. Emo accepted the Honorary Trooper Certificate for her actions on August 26, 2017. The ceremony took place at the Troop C Headquarters in Weldon Spring, MO. Lieutenant Terry Potter of Troop C, presented the certificate to Mrs. Emo.



*(r) Lt. Terry R. Potter, Troop C, presented an Honorary Trooper Certificate to Mrs. Jennifer Emo (l) for her care, compassion, and courage for a stranger.*

“Leading people is the most challenging and, therefore, the most gratifying undertaking of all human endeavors.”

– Jocko Willink,  
American podcaster,  
author, & retired United  
States Navy SEAL.

# 'Looking Beyond The Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of December 15, 2017 to February 16, 2018. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)*

## **Troop A**

Cpl. J.J. Crump, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Cunningham, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 5 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 7 arrests  
Tpr. S.E. Dodson, 5 arrests  
Tpr. A.W. Ferguson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.A. Hartshorn, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.W. Huff, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Jackson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.G. Katzing, 3 arrests  
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 4 arrests  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 10 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Parrott, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.M. Parker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.A. Perez, 1 arrest  
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 4 arrests  
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 7 arrests  
Tpr. H.R. Stevens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 4 arrests

## **Troop B**

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest  
Sgt. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.P. Borgmeyer, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Bradley, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 7 arrests  
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 7 arrests  
Cpl. B.A. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K. McGivney, 4 arrests  
Cpl. L.P. Quinn, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.B. Ritter, 4 arrests  
Tpr. E.J. Ruckenbrod, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Smith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Smith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 1 arrest

## **Troop C**

Cpl. M.G. Autenrieth, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Crutcher Jr., 15 arrests  
Tpr. G.T. Daniels, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K. Elledge, 2 arrests

Cpl. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.T. Harms, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.W. Hedlund, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Jenkins, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.A. Judy, 2 arrests  
Cpl. E.R. Kessler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Kuczka, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Lacy, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Lukowski, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.P. Mahoney, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Neighbors, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.J. North, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.L. Peters, 4 arrests  
Cpl. C.L. Pleasant, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Procknow, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.M. Reynoso, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.D. Roney, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.D. Scruggs, 2 arrests  
Cpl. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Walker Jr., 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.M. Warren, 1 arrest

## **Troop D**

Tpr. T.C. Baker, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.A. Barrett, 4 arrests  
Tpr. T.A. Bible, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.L. Butler, 11 arrests  
Tpr. Justin L. Cleeton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.W. Coleman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Cook, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.R. Copeland, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 4 arrests  
Tpr. Z.C. Dudley, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.K. Frazier, 7 arrests  
Cpl. J.E. Givens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.R. Glass, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.E. Henderson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 13 arrests  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Linegar, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.L. Mason, 7 arrests  
Sgt. M.T. Polodna, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Riley, 1 arrest

Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 6 arrests  
Sgt. S.R. Rowe, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Rutledge, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.S. Schwartz, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.A. Stallcup, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.G. Torbeck, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Vaught, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.J. Wood, 1 arrest

## **Troop E**

Tpr. E.L. Bennett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Berry, 7 arrests  
Tpr. R.L. Crafton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.E. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.L. Huggins, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.D. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.L. Purnell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Schlieff, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 5 arrests  
Tpr. T. Karizamimba, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.J. West, 6 arrests  
Cpl. J.T. Wilson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.J. Windham, 4 arrests

## **Troop F**

Tpr. N.A. Bax, 5 arrests  
Tpr. G.A. Beaulieu, 2 arrests  
Sgt. M.J. Cody, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.R. Dinwiddie, 3 arrests  
Tpr. A.R. Enderle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.L. Fouch, 3 arrests  
Tpr. E.T. Hane, 2 arrests  
Cpl. D.P. Hutzler, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 6 arrests  
Tpr. M.R. Lawson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. S.W. Mahaney, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.M. Malone III, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.W. March, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.B. Nelson, 3 arrests  
Cpl. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.R. Plumley Jr., 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest

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Cpl. D.T. Shikles, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.A. Veasman, 3 arrests  
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 8 arrests

## Troop G

Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 9 arrests  
Cpl. E.A. Cooper, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.D. Crewse, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Cunningham, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.R. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Philpott, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.E. Rogers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Sellars, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.E. Young, 1 arrest

## Troop H

Tpr. K.L. Ebersold, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Hailey, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.R. Heits, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Jehnzen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Martin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 2 arrests  
Cpl. A.G. McAtee, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Q.R. McConkey, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Miller, 4 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 2 arrests  
Sgt. M.P. Quilty, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.A. Regan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 2 arrests

## Troop I

Tpr. C.M. Barclay, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest  
Tpr. I.A. Cox, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 7 arrests  
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 1 arrest

Tpr. S.R. House, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.M. Hurt, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.D. Malay, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.T. Smith, 4 arrests  
Tpr. J.C. Southwood, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.W. Summers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.N. Wensel, 1 arrest

## QDDCC

Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 1 arrest

## Q/GD

Cpl. T.T. Pitts, 1 arrest

# Patrol Aircraft Locates Wanted Persons

By Sgt. Jeff G. Noack, Q/AD

On January 13, 2018, Patrol helicopter crew in 93MP consisting of pilot/ Sergeant David C. Dinges and Tactical Flight Officer/Sergeant Dustin T. Metzner, both Q/AD, responded to Saline County to assist ground officers in locating a male subject who had fled from a traffic stop on Interstate 70. Using the FLIR camera system, Sgt. Metzner located the suspect walking on a river bank east of Sweet Springs, MO. The suspect was taken into custody by ground officers.

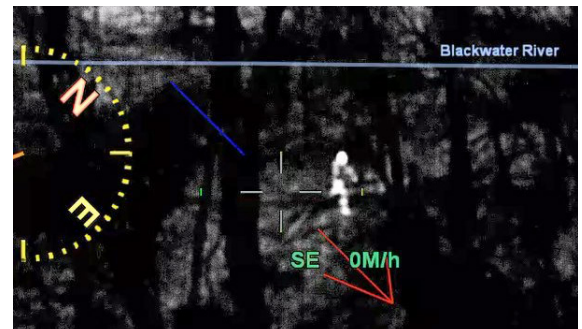
On January 23, 2018, the Aircraft Division began on-duty evening shift coverage every Tuesday through Saturday evening from 4 p.m. to midnight. Previously, flight crews would respond from an off-duty status during these times. Because of the shift change, two pilots are on-duty and available to respond to calls for service resulting in a faster response time and more efficient use of the FLIR mapping system throughout the state.

On the first evening of this new shift coverage, a helicopter crew consisting of Pilot/Sergeant Jeff G. Noack

and TFO/Trooper Kyle A. Schrage, both Q/AD, received a call for service to assist Marion County deputies who were searching for a suspect. The suspect had fled from a residence in a vehicle and struck several patrol vehicles before fleeing on foot into a wooded area. Tpr. Schrage, using the FLIR

camera in 93MP, located a heat source in a tree line and directed officers to that location. The suspect was taken in custody without incident.

*This image from the helicopter's FLIR camera is of the suspect walking in Saline County, just prior to being taken into custody.*



*This FLIR image shows the suspect being taken into custody in Marion County.*

# Employees Honored For Resourcefulness, Commitment

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

The phone rings and Supply Manager II Chris L. Terry, Q/BPD, answers. It's a member of FOB's staff with a heads up: Somewhere in Missouri there's a need and the Patrol is responding en masse. Prior to this, meetings in FOB determined the size of the detail, how and where the detail would respond, its purpose, and what responsibilities the detail would shoulder. It might be a flood, manhunt, or civil disturbance such as the one after the Stockley verdict in St. Louis in 2017.

Regardless of the why, the first contact from FOB acts as a catalyst for the employees in the Supply Section of the Budget and Procurement Division. Once such phone call happened in early September 2017. A detail would be sent to St. Louis in anticipation of a verdict in the Jason Stockley trial. Procurement Officer II Darrell J. Taube made arrangements to borrow a refrigerated box truck from the Department of Corrections. For two weeks, employees purchased food and supplies, and stored both in the truck as Chris, Darrell, and Storekeeper II Kevin A. Klug prepared to be dispatched. When that time came, they were more than ready.

They'd worked hard behind the scenes during the civil unrest in Ferguson, MO, and learned much from that experience. They excelled in their preparations for the Stockley verdict detail, which was vital for the operational continuity of the mission. The proper resources and supplies were available due to their foresight. Thus, the support function of the Patrol's response after the Stockley verdict was nearly flawless, and all equipment needed was available and accessible.

That's not to say they didn't have a few challenges. One such challenge involved using existing resources to place numbers on the tactical vests, so each officer could be identified. They



*After the DPS Employee of the Month ceremony, it was time for pictures! Left to right are: Major Lance MacLaughlin, Q/ESB, Colonel Sandra Karsten, Supply Manager II Chris Terry, Q/BPD, Storekeeper II Kevin Klug, Q/BPD, Procurement Officer II Darrell Taube, Q/BPD, and DPS Director Drew Juden.*

worked with Photographer Brenda Campbell, Q/PIED, who designed and made the identifying tags on the laser engraver. On more than one occasion, additional food was needed to feed the detail, so Darrell, Chris, and Kevin took it upon themselves to grill hamburgers and hotdogs to make sure everyone was fed. Knowing the support side of the detail was taken care of allowed commanders to focus on the operational aspects of the mission. Darrell, Chris, and Kevin's work was vital to the success of the St. Louis verdict detail and ultimately the safety of detail members.

The Missouri Department of Public Safety recognized the resourcefulness and commitment of these three gentlemen by naming them DPS Employees of the Month for February 2018. The recognition ceremony took place on February 27, at GHQ.

Major Lance M. MacLaughlin, Q/ESB, served as emcee and read the nomination. He noted that these three gentlemen cooked for the detail more than once.

"A grumpy trooper is not someone you want to hang out with if they haven't been fed," Major MacLaughlin said with a laugh.

"I've known these three gentlemen a very long time," he continued. "I've had the privilege of working with them and seeing what they do. The trailer came back from Ferguson and they knew we would need it again. They took it upon themselves to purchase, design, and stock the trailer, so when a trooper opened it what they needed was inside. If not, these gentlemen knew where to get it."

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# — Honored

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Major MacLaughlin also told those present that not only are these gentlemen great at what they do, but they are great people. "They have a family atmosphere up there [in Supply] and they find ways to get stuff done. These people make things happen behind the scenes that makes this agency go. Without them, the Stockley verdict detail wouldn't have gone as smoothly. Thank you very much for what you do. I am very proud of you."

Colonel Sandra K. Karsten echoed the major's comments. She said the original plan was good, but not sustainable. "So, we moved the operation to the firehouse and they began cooking. They met special dietary needs and

when they learned I like my hamburgers burned, they even accommodated that."

Col. Karsten presented colonel's coins to Chris, Kevin, and Darrell to honor their faithful service to the state of Missouri.

"From the FOB perspective," said Major Greg K. Smith, "We know what goes into what happens behind the scenes. You're very efficient and I know we can depend on you. Thank you and congratulations."

"People don't get to see what happens behind the scenes," said DPS Director Drew Juden. "I want to congratulate you and thank you very much."

Director Juden presented framed certificates to each of the employees

and personally congratulated them. He then handed them the traveling plaque, commenting that it would remain with the Patrol for another month.

"It's not just the three of us," said Darrell. "It's our whole team in the warehouse. I want to thank all of you who work with me."

Chris also recognized his coworkers in the Supply Warehouse, he appreciated them shopping and relaying items to him, Kevin, and Darrell. "It's a team. We get recognized today, but it's actually an award for everyone. They work as much as we do. It's not just us."

Congratulations, Chris, Kevin, and Darrell! Thank you for your dedicated service behind the scenes!

## MSHP Retirees Luncheon: You're Invited!

### All Retirees, Spouses, Surviving Spouses, & Guests Welcome!

Please join us from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the First Baptist Church, 2 North Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO! (Lunch will be served at noon.) Take a little time for fun and fellowship! (Door prizes are appreciated.)

Our emcee this year is our own retired Captain Vince Ellis. Cost is \$12 per person. Make checks payable to Pat Spire and forward them to: Pat Spire, 3400 NW 51st Terrace, Blue Springs, MO 64015. Include your troop and years of service with the reservation, please!

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*Please return by August 1, 2018*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Ret. Sgt. Stratton Reflects On Capturing Thug

*By Mr. Phil Conger, Bethany Republican-Clipper*

Margaret Stratton, wife of retired lawman Richard "Sarge" Stratton, often thinks back on her frightening encounter in the early 1980s with Ken Rex McElroy, the brutish thug who terrorized residents of Northwest Missouri for many years.

Early one morning, Margaret was getting into her car to drive to church in Savannah, MO, when she saw the heavysset McElroy walk up to her window.

"He stuck a shotgun right in my face," said Mrs. Stratton, whose Highway Patrol husband had had numerous run-ins with McElroy over the years while patrolling Nodaway County.

"I remember thinking to myself that if he shot me, then at least I would be in my good clothes," Margaret said during an interview.

Richard Stratton, then a Highway Patrol corporal, was away from home working with a pilot on traffic enforcement on Interstate 29.

The Strattons, who now live in Bethany, MO, had received several harassing telephone calls from McElroy. Richard said the shotgun incident was just part of McElroy's way of operating after years of thievery and more serious crimes in and around his hometown of Skidmore, MO.

"He liked to intimidate people, particularly women," said Stratton who retired several years ago after a long career with the Highway Patrol and later as the Harrison County sheriff.

Richard said his wife is pretty tough. "I am surprised that she didn't bite the end of the barrel off," he laughed.

Margaret took refuge in a nearby grocery store. All the time, McElroy was outside the store. "He sat outside in his pickup truck in the parking lot," she said. "Finally, he crumpled up

a beer can and threw it down in the parking lot."

Sarge has been confined to his home in Bethany's Daily Addition for the past several weeks. He is suffering from lung cancer and recently had a stroke. Margaret has set up a hospital bed in their kitchen where Sarge has spent his days recently watching the Winter Olympics on TV. It has been a tough time for the gregarious couple who have spent a lifetime in service to the public. Richard spent 20 years as a member of the Bethany Fair Board and Margaret has been involved in numerous volunteer programs like the Red Cross.

Richard Stratton, known across the region for his gravelly voice answering "507" when responding to calls on police scanners, was the law officer credited with bringing Ken Rex McElroy to justice. After his arrest in Nodaway County, McElroy was eventually convicted by a Harrison County jury of assault for shooting Skidmore grocer Ernest "Bo" Bowenkamp in the neck. The trial, which was held in Bethany on a change of venue, drew a large crowd of interested spectators from Nodaway County who hoped that McElroy would finally face justice. Bowenkamp, a meek-appearing man who recovered from his injuries, described McElroy's brutal assault in which McElroy incredibly claimed self-defense because the grocer was holding a paring knife.

The Harrison County jury's verdict of guilty was the first time that McElroy had been convicted of a crime. But, McElroy received a light sentence of two years in prison considering the seriousness of the crime. Then, Nodaway County residents were further outraged when McElroy was released on bond while his attorney prepared an appeal.



*Ret. Sgt. Richard Stratton is 36 years old in this photo.*

The case came to an end, in most shocking fashion, when McElroy encountered an angry crowd after he arrogantly returned to Skidmore on July 10, 1981. While seated in his pickup with his wife, Trena, a shot rang out and struck McElroy in the head, ending his brutal rein of terror.

The shooting became a national sensation because of the aspects of vigilante justice. A Denver author, Harry N. MacLean, wrote a bestselling book "In Broad Daylight: A Murder in Skidmore, Missouri," after extensive research including trips to the Harrison County courthouse where the trial was held on a change of venue.

McElroy was played in a popular movie of the same name by well-known actor Brian Dennehey. Stratton's Highway Patrol 507 call letters even had a place in the movie.

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The Strattons occasionally hear from the author, McLean, who recently sent them a follow up book about the McElroy case. They often receive calls from newspapers and television stations, and Richard was even invited to appear on the Oprah show. He declined despite Oprah's persistent phone calls. "I finally hung up on her," he said.

According to MacLean's "In Broad Daylight" book, Richard Stratton was the only lawman that McElroy feared and respected. Stratton had had several encounters with the Skidmore man including one when McElroy threatened him with a shotgun. Stratton spent a lot of time keeping track of McElroy's whereabouts.

Stratton was popular in Nodaway County because of his reputation as a "tough cop" who could be capable of taking out McElroy.

MacLean wrote, "When word spread in Nodaway County in 1973 that the Patrol was transferring Stratton from Maryville to St. Joe, people protested. Residents circulated petitions at gas stations, taverns, fertilizer stores, auctions, and door to door." Many wanted him to run for sheriff.

It was natural, then, that Stratton used his instincts to finally flush out McElroy during the two-state manhunt that occurred after the Skidmore man shot Bowenkamp. The Highway Patrol and sheriff's departments put out an all-points bulletin for the arrest of McElroy after the shooting, but Stratton knew that the fugitive monitored police radio frequencies and would be using back roads in an attempt to get across the river into Kansas.

While the other troopers had set up roadblocks elsewhere, Stratton knew in his gut that McElroy would be coming through Fillmore, MO, on Missouri Route H. Stratton maintained radio silence while he waited in Fillmore, MO. Within a short time, a green pickup came through town occupied by McElroy and his blond wife, Trena. Stratton followed the car and

called for backup.

"The dispatcher told him to hold his position until assistance arrived," according to MacLean's book. The officers finally took the McElroys into custody without any shots being fired.

Stratton's efforts to bring McElroy to justice, which extended over several years, are an example of the types of dangers that families of lawmen sometimes face from a criminal.

Margaret's first encounter with McElroy actually came a few years previously when the Strattons had just moved to St. Joseph, but Corporal Stratton was still keeping tabs on McElroy.

Mrs. Stratton recalled that a large framed man and a blond woman had recently begun parking in their driveway when Richard was on duty. "At the time I didn't even know who he was," she said.

When she told her husband about the incident, he took her to the Highway Patrol's St. Joseph headquarters to look at some photos. "I already knew who it was," Stratton said, but he let Margaret make the identification.

McElroy also had been coming into the places in Maryville, MO, where Margaret's daughters worked.

"The St. Joseph Police Department sent an officer to stay at our home," said Margaret, saying that at first she objected, but then accepted his presence. "I thought the least I could do was to give him some coffee," she said.

Richard wanted his wife to stay with her sister in Texas, but Margaret was having none of that. "I wasn't going to let anyone run me out of town."

It was a matter of relief when Ken Rex McElroy received justice in Skidmore.

"It has been an interesting life," Margaret said.

In the meantime, Sarge says he is certain about who fired the fatal shot in their encounter in Skidmore. But that secret is going to remain with him.

After all, there were probably a lot of people who would have liked to have pulled the trigger.

*(Reprinted with permission. Originally printed in the Bethany Republican-Clipper on February 14, 2018. Capt. Lester D. Elder, Q/MVI, described Sgt. Stratton, his first zone sergeant, as an icon in the area, saying his nickname was 'lean and mean.' "The public loved him and he was a great guy to work for," said Capt. Elder.)*



*Sgt. Richard Stratton, 81, and his wife, Margaret, are pictured in their Bethany home.*

# Marine Mechanics Keep Fleet Shipshape

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Every day, all day, Marine Mechanics Tony G. Luebbering and Jack A. Thomason, both Q/FFD, make sure the agency's boats are in top condition and ready for the water.

"The marine mechanics have always been great to work with and are truly appreciated. Despite their busy schedule, they make time to help us with any problems we might be experiencing with our equipment," said Cpl. Kurt A. Schmutzler, Troop H. "Although they often play a 'behind the scenes' role, their function is instrumental to the success of our marine operations. We're grateful for the hard work they put in each day to ensure our safety and efficiency when we're out patrolling Missouri's waterways."

Jack and Tony are almost as busy in the winter as they are in the summer. "The perfect year is maintaining during the summer and repairing in the winter," said Jack. He says the best days are servicing the bigger boats, the vessels with twin engines and props. After the repairs come the testing, and "driving a boat on the lake is a good day." Jack lives on the Lake of the Ozarks and says if a trooper drops by his dock, he doesn't mind.

Tony is happiest when he's rigging new boats for the Patrol, installing lights, siren, safety equipment, etc.

"'cause he's engineering stuff," laughed Jack.

Jack and Tony repair boats, motors, and trailers, as well as install new equipment. They travel wherever they are needed—St. Louis, Truman Lake, Smithville Lake, Lake of the Ozarks, Table Rock Lake—the state of Missouri is their oyster. They welcome the hectic pace, but agree there's enough work for another marine mechanic.

They laughingly refer to themselves as an "old married couple" because of their 15 years of working side-by-side and the camaraderie ... or banter and arguing, depending on

your definition. "When it's yelling and screaming going on, it's a party. Come join it," said Jack. "It's when it's quiet and nobody's talking that it's a problem."

They both joined the Water Patrol in 2003, and then became part of the Highway Patrol with the merge in 2011.

Both of them feel their most challenging assignment was when they were searching for Trooper Fred F. Guthrie Jr., who died in the line of duty in 2011. Tony was on site for about a three days and Jack for a week. Their supervisor at the time also assisted in keeping all the equipment running during the search. They worked long,

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*Marine Mechanic Jack Thomason prepares this engine for a new boat.*



*This photo shows a few examples of the vessels Marine Mechanics Tony Luebbering and Jack Thomason maintain sitting outside the Marine Shop doors. To the left of the building is a boat crane enabling them to lift large boats onto and off trailers.*

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hot days and felt honored to be part of this important detail.

Jack and Tony both hold Mercury Marine outboard engine certifications and are responsible for service and repair of the 150 vessels in the Patrol fleet. They attend training at Mercury's school in Dallas, TX, every four years, and complete Internet-based training every year. Certification is required every two years. Just this past February, they went to Dallas for training.

Both find the training helpful, and their supervisor, Auto. Tech. Sprv. W. Cody Hargis, Q/FFD, said he was impressed with the level of training provided.

"I teach them as much as they teach me," admitted Tony. "We see a lot that recreational boaters don't see. We put thousands of hours on our boats. We have hours on our boats like Disney World does. We treat them like a car—they are driven daily." The Patrol vessels undergo regular maintenance every 100 hours. In the summer, that can be a monthly maintenance schedule. "We're never looking for something do to," Tony said.

Both men agree the biggest issue they find is related to the quality of the fuel.

"We certainly ask a lot of our marine mechanics with the Patrol," said Capt. Matt C. Walz, director of the Water Patrol Division. "Marine troopers depend on the reliability of our boats and motors to keep them safe during their duties on the water. Our fleet of patrol boats and rescue boats is very diverse, so the knowledge and skill it requires to keep that equipment running is extensive."

"We do tend to stay busy," said Tony.

## Patrol History Trivia

Having marine mechanics is relatively new for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. They appeared on the scene as part of the merger between the Missouri State Water Patrol and the Missouri State Highway Patrol on January 1, 2011. In Highway Patrol history, a Water Rescue Recovery Unit formed in 1960. Four officers were trained in scuba diving to serve part-time in the unit. Other officers would join the unit within two years, and a four-wheel drive pickup truck with camper, boat, and other special equipment would be purchased. The Water Rescue and Recovery Unit was discontinued in 1966. However, it doesn't appear there was a marine mechanic employed during that period.

The Water Patrol history began in 1959, when the 70th General Assembly passed the Missouri Boat Law providing for a boat commission. In 1961, the original eight officers, known as deputy boat commissioners, were appointed. This commission grew and changed, and became the Division of Water Safety in 1974, when it was placed under the purview of the newly created Department of Public Safety. The agency was renamed the Missouri State Water Patrol in 1989. When the Water Patrol and Highway Patrol merged January 1, 2011, approximately 90 officers transferred to the Highway Patrol. The merge also brought marine mechanics to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

At the time of the merger, the marine shop where Marine Mechanics Jack A. Thomason and Tony G. Luebbering worked was located at 2413 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City. Ironically, until 1981, this shop was the Missouri State Highway Patrol vehicle garage. On, December 27, 2013, Jack and Tony moved to a new facility located directly north of the General Headquarters Garage at 2920 N. Shamrock Road, Jefferson City.

This new facility houses the Patrol marine and collision repair shops. The design is more efficient and enables the mechanics to service multiple large boats simultaneously. There are three large overhead doors in the new building compared to one in the old shop. The new location has better climate control and lighting, as well as enhanced building security and a safer work environment. Storage is easily accessible, as is the Patrol Garage and Radio Shops, which are on the same property.

“The goal of all leaders should be to work themselves out of a job. When mentored and coached properly, the junior leader can eventually replace the senior leader, allowing the senior leader to move on to the next level of leadership.”

— Jocko Willink,  
*American podcaster, author,  
and retired United States Navy SEAL.*

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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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## **Alan W. Barborek**

Sergeant  
Troop F

*Retired February 1, 2018.  
30 years of dedicated service.*



## **Elaine M. Coutts**

CDL Examiner  
Troop C

*Retired February 1, 2018.  
21 years of dedicated service.*



## **Chris M. Durham**

Computer Info. Tech. III  
Q/CJIS

*Retired February 1, 2018.  
30 years of dedicated service.*



## **Dave E. Earney**

Captain  
Q/CVE

*Retired February 1, 2018.  
32 years of dedicated service.*



## **Brad R. Gregory**

CVO II  
Troop B

*Retired February 1, 2018.  
33 years of dedicated service.*



## **Dan A. Gregory**

Assistant Director  
Q/MVI

*Retired February 1, 2018.  
24 years, 10 months  
of dedicated service.*



## **Curtis R. Haden**

Corporal  
Troop G

*Retired February 1, 2018.  
28 years of dedicated service.*



## **Curtis W. Wirths**

Sergeant  
Q/DDCC

*Retired February 1, 2018  
27 years, 7 months of dedicated service.*



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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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## **Dan S. Bracker**

Lieutenant  
Troop D

*Retired March 1, 2018.  
26 years of dedicated service.*



## **Mike R. Pulliam**

Lieutenant  
Troop E

*Retired March 1, 2018.  
34 years of dedicated service.*



## **Rob A. Vaughan**

Sergeant  
Q/DDCC

*Retired March 1, 2008.  
29 years, 8 months  
of dedicated service.*



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## **ZONES JOIN COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT YMCA**

### ***Sgt. Eric F. Brown, Troop B***

Members of Troop B, Zones 10 and 11, recently combined personal funds to purchase an engraved brick during a recent Randolph Area YMCA “Beyond the Brick” fundraiser. The proceeds from the fundraiser will eliminate the capital debt of the YMCA. Eliminating their debt will allow the Randolph Area YMCA located in Moberly, MO, to improve and widen their services. This is another great example of Patrol employees supporting and serving their communities.

*This brick is part of a display at the front entrance to the Randolph Area YMCA in Moberly, MO.*



# PERSPECTIVE

## Visit Serves As Important Reminder

*By Sgt. Jerry G. Callahan, Q/HRD*

It was just like any other day here in the Human Resources Division at General Headquarters. I was fighting a losing battle with the email in my in-box, when my phone rang with a call from the main switchboard line. Upon answering, I received a request to come out to the front lobby, because there was someone here who would like to talk to a uniformed officer. "Oh boy," I thought to myself. This is the kind of call that can send my day into a tailspin. (One of the more recent experiences resulted in me having to take the better part of a couple days tracking down the owner of a stolen wallet while figuring out how to enter a lost property report into AFR and the evidence tracking system. Which, thank you Trooper Ashley E. Klempke, Trooper F, for that I owe you.)

I immediately started thinking, "How I am going to direct them out east to Troop F? That's right, Sergeant Craig R. Kicker, I was practicing my best, 'This would be more appropriately handled by a local zone officer' speech."

Well, when I got to the front desk I was directed to Ethan and Tiffany from Day Solutions, a business here in Jefferson City. Ethan greeted me with a big smile. Tiffany was his chaperone from Day Solutions and she explained that the program's participants are given opportunities to go out on individual field trips to assist them with integrating into the community. Ethan chose to come to the Highway Patrol, because he had something he wanted to tell us. Ethan had a simple message for me and I promised him I would pass it along to all the officers. His words to me were ... "THANK YOU!"

This was not exactly what I expected when I first answered the phone, but what a pleasant surprise this was. I told Ethan it is was an honor to serve the citizens of this state. We talked for a little while and they asked to take a picture with me. I invited them down to the museum and as we walked around I pointed out interesting pictures and major events in the history of the Patrol. We even tried our hand at the impaired driving display.

So, for those of you out there who have been having "one of those weeks" in this job and need a little encouragement, think of my friend Ethan, and know that he appreciates what you are doing. Maybe it doesn't replace all the lost sleep, sweat soaked vests, and bitterly cold toes, but it may help you remember why you became a trooper. Maybe it will get you through until lunch. Thank you to all of you, and be safe out there.



*Sgt. Jerry Callahan, Q/HRD, and his new friend, Ethan, enjoyed some time in the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker's Safety & Education Center.*

# Statistical Analysis Center: More Than Numbers

*By Research & Development Division*

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Statistical Analysis Center within the Research and Development Division is quickly becoming a central hub for crime and crash research. In the three years since moving from ICTD, the SAC has completed three academic research projects. A grant from the United States Bureau of Justice Statistics provided funds for these SAC projects. One of the goals of the SAC is to continually seek out grants to fund its research. Since 2015, the SAC has applied for and received over \$450,000 in grant funding. Not only do these grants provide funding, but they also help forge beneficial partnerships with local universities. It is hoped these partnerships will establish long-term relationships to ensure the SAC is continually on the cutting edge of research.

One of the projects the SAC is excited to promote is the Crime Victimization Survey that was released in January 2018. This was the first statewide crime victimization survey conducted in the state of Missouri. The study revealed that approximately 90% of respondents rated the job of their local law enforcement as acceptable or better, and nearly 70% of the same respondents said they were either very confident or confident in their local law enforcement. These numbers reflect a positive relationship between Missouri law enforcement and the community they serve. The SAC director and analysts were pleased with the results because they affirmed the recent Patrol's public opinion survey.

Moving forward the SAC plans to unveil the Missouri Analytical Traffic Record Information Exchange (MATRIX) in 2018. For the past three years, the SAC has been planning, researching, and developing a predictive model to provide troopers a crash

forecast during their shift. This model will display on a map where crashes are likely to occur within a trooper's jurisdiction. The model will also allow officers to adjust traffic volume levels based on their intuition and information they have obtained. For example, a trooper may know that traffic volume will be higher in their zone because of a local tractor pull or some other community event. Thus, unlike predictive crash models in other states, Missouri will allow the experts on the ground to



influence the model creating a customized experience, which enhances the accuracy of the crash prediction.

This idea of helping our officers in the field was a main priority for Dr. Mark L. Ritchey, director of the SAC. "When I took over as the director of the SAC, my number one concern was the trooper on the ground," Dr. Ritchey said. "With the advancement in analytics there is no reason the collection of data by our dedicated troopers should go in vain. The data we collect should eventually assist troopers with their operational duties. Furthermore, we hope to use statistics

to either affirm or refute perceptions. Statistics can either be used as the science behind officers' gut instincts or provide evidence to encourage thinking differently about a situation."

Not only does Dr. Ritchey hope the SAC will enhance the Patrol's capabilities, he has set a goal to become one of the leading research statistical analysis centers in the nation.

"While most of our studies focus on Missouri, we encourage other states and entities to learn from our research for new ideas and methodologies," said Research Analyst II Robert K. Mackenzie. "We want to become the industry leader for both traffic crash and criminal justice analysis."

This goal is quite possible since the Patrol is the state's central repository for both crash and crime data. By having access to this data, the SAC is uniquely capable of conducting research organically.

In addition to their academic partnerships, the SAC has partnered with Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to assist in collecting data pertaining to violent death in our state. Research analysts will be gathering data related to homicides and suicides in the state. This project is part of a nationwide effort directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help determine the circumstances preceding homicides and suicides. Eventually, it is hoped this project will help officials identify individuals who might be at risk.

Finally, the SAC is consistently looking for new projects and partnerships. Thus, the SAC encourages participation from everyone to help them discover new research studies to benefit the Patrol. Please contact Dr. Ritchey at [mark.ritchey@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:mark.ritchey@mshp.dps.mo.gov) if you have any possible research or partnership opportunities.

# Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Tpr. Arthur G. Torbeck (D) - grandmother	Sgt. Jason M. Mattingly (B) - sister-in-law	Tpr. Jerry W. Hunter (A) - father-in-law
Sgt. Logan S. Elliott (G) - grandmother	Tpr. Christopher C. Wakefield (E) - grandmother	CVE Insp. II Jerry L. Arbuthnot (C) - sister
Chief Oper. Eric W. Presser (G) - grandmother	Ret. Sgt. Clyde K. Wakefield - mother	Tpr. Christopher M. Arbuthnot (C) - aunt
Cpl. Doug W. Pfeifer Jr. (I) - father-in-law	Sgt. Johny L. Ellsworth (C) - sister	Clerk Typist III Amanda L. Gove (Q/CJISD) - sister
Ret. Lt. Eldon E. Wulf - mother-in-law	Tpr. Anthony J. Kempa (H) - grandfather	Tpr. Louis B. Lairmore (Q/GD) - grandfather
Sr. Chief DE Rhonda L. Czarnecki (Q/DE) - sister	Chief Tech. Jim L. Cleveland (F) - mother	DE III Teresa L. Darrah (A) - father-in-law
Tpr. Mathew R. Freeman (E) - father-in-law	DE III Terry Roberts (E) - mother-in-law	Sr. Chief MVI Jeff A. Towns (C) - brother
Tpr. Daniel A. Landi (H) - son	Tpr. Jo A. Hilliard (C) - grandmother	Tpr. Matt G. Yendes (A) - grandfather
Ret. Cpl. Brian L. Thompson - wife	Ret. Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Edward W. Wagganer - father	Ret. Cpl. Terry A. Richardson - father
Sgt. Bryan G. Parrott (A) - mother	Sgt. Ryan S. Smith (A) - mother	Recruit Justin L. Dedmon (Q/TND) - grandfather
Lt. Paul J. Reinsch, Q/PIED - father	DE Sprv. David A. Howell (C) - mother	Ret. Bldg. & Grnds. Sprv. Ron J. Deskin - wife
DE Sprv. L. Andy Streeter II (A) - mother-in-law	MVI Chief Gary L. Campbell (Q/MVI) - uncle	Admin. Support Asst. Terry K. Cole (C) - father
Ret. Computer Info. Tech. III Jim R. Behymer II - wife	Ret. DE III Brian E. Cooseman - mother	Recruit Tyler R. Sappington (Q/TND) - grandfather
MVI II Mike D. Jackson (A) - father	CDL Exam. Pamela M. Cooseman - mother-in-law	Tpr. Rebecca Eagan (Q/GD) - brother
DE Sprv. F. Jennifer Jackson (A) - father-in-law	Tpr. Scott T. Ronald (Q/GD) - mother-in-law	Cpl. Derek T. Shikles (F) - grandmother
Ret. Sgt. Richard J. Moynihan - wife	Ret. Desig. Prin. Asst. Carla J. Bruemmer - father-in-law	DE I Aaron M. Shikles (F) - grandmother
Ret. Crim. Intel. Analyst II Beth A. Holtmeyer - husband	CVE Insp. Jane M. McClurg (H) - mother-in-law	Ret. Sgt. Roger D. Shikles - mother-in-law
Ret. Quality Control Clerk II Nina D. Holtmeyer - brother-in-law	Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Eric Frager (C) - mother	
Ret. Clerk IV Lisa L. Kempker - brother-in-law	Cpl. Jonathan T. Wilson (E) - grandfather	
Sgt. William W. Lowe (A) - father	Criminalist III Jason W. Crafton (Q/CLD) - grandfather-in-law	

## Top DWI Officers

The MSHP's top 25 officers in the area of DWI arrests (career). Thank you for making Missouri's roadways safer!!

Cpl. John L. Mason, Troop D, 1,202	Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A, 801	Sgt. Norman E. Rodenberg, Troop A, 617
Tpr. Ronald W. Eakins, Troop E, 1,177	Cpl. Richard D. Owens, Troop E, 775	Sgt. Michael K. Frazier, Troop D, 610
Lt. Richard C. Fletcher Jr., Troop A, 938	Major Gregory K. Smith, Q/FOB, 704	Sgt. Travis S. Croft, Q/GSD, 608
Sgt. Mark A. Winder, Troop E, 927	Sgt. Steven C. Jones, Troop D, 684	Sgt. Dwell T. Isringhausen, Q/GD, 605
Sgt. Nicholas D. Berry, Troop B, 877	Lt. Douglas J. Hedrick, Troop H, 675	Sgt. Bruce L. Klier, Troop D, 604
Sgt. Shane R. Monk, Troop D, 870	Cpl. Trayton L. Pitts, Q/GD, 671	Sgt. Jody T. Laramore, Troop E, 586
Sgt. Timothy R. Tinnin, Q/GSD, 854	Cpl. Darren S. Call, Troop D, 646	Sgt. Michael D. Lynch, Troop E, 578
Cpl. Michael L. Scoggins, Troop E, 818	Sgt. Douglas M. McDaniel, Troop E, 644	Sgt. Derek S. Green, Troop A, 563
	Sgt. William B. Sevier, Troop C, 619	

*Statistics current as of March 21, 2018.*

# Deaths

## John A. Lewis



John A. Lewis, 79, of Jefferson City, MO, died Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at Adams Street Place. He was born February 10, 1938 in Carlinville, IL. John proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 until 1959. He joined the Patrol in 1959 and retired as a chief telecommunications engineer in 1993. John is survived by his wife, Beverly, son, two daughters, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren, and one brother. To learn more about John, visit the Freeman Mortuary website <http://www.freemanmortuary.com/book-of-memories/3387732/Lewis-John/obituary.php>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Lewis family.

## Vernon L. Reynolds



Vernon L. Reynolds, 82, died Friday, January 5, 2018, at his home. He was born on November 19, 1935, in

Shiller Park, IL. Vern served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958, in the Big Red One 28th Infantry Division. He entered the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in 1958, and served for 33 years, retiring at the rank of sergeant in 1991. Vern was assigned to Troop I, Rolla, MO, and Troop D, Springfield, MO, working the road, as a safety information officer, and a desk sergeant. Vern is survived by his wife, Evelyn, one son, two granddaughters, six great-grandchildren, one brother, a brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews. To learn more about Vern's life, visit the Springfield News-Leader website <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-leader/obituary.aspx?pid=187758216>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Reynolds family.

## Stanley E. Williams



Stanley E. Williams, 87, of Jefferson City, MO, died Friday, January 26, 2018, at St. Joseph Bluffs. He was born July 7, 1930 in Nevada, MO. Stan proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1948 until 1957, during the Korean War. He joined the Patrol in 1975, as assistant director of the Information Systems Division. He retired in 1994. Stan is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, three daughters, one son, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and neph-

ews. To learn more about Stan's life, visit the Freeman Mortuary website <http://www.freemanmortuary.com/book-of-memories/3415298/Williams-Stanley/obituary.php>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Williams family.

## Anthony A. Bailey



Anthony A. Bailey, 74, of St. James, MO, died December 17, 2017, at his home. He was born January 4, 1943, in St. Louis, MO. Tony proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines after high school. He entered the Patrol Academy in 1966, and served 28 years until he retired as a sergeant in 1994. Tony was assigned to Troop C, and served as both a pilot and public information and education officer for the agency. Tony's wife of over 50 years, Judy, died the same day. He is survived by four children, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a brother, three sisters, and additional family members. To learn more about Tony's life, visit the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes website [http://www.birminghammartinfuneralhomes.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o\\_id=4505305&fh\\_id=13982](http://www.birminghammartinfuneralhomes.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=4505305&fh_id=13982). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Bailey family.

# Deaths

## Connie J. Deskin



Connie J. Deskin, 65, of Macon, MO, died Friday, February 16, 2018, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, MO. She was born March 21, 1952 in Raytown, MO. Connie joined the Patrol in 1975 and served for over 33 years until she retired as the special assistant at Troop B Headquarters. Connie is survived by her husband, Ron, two daughters, two grandchildren, a brother, and additional family members. To learn more about Connie's life, visit the Greening-Eagan-Hayes Funeral Homes website <http://www.greeningeaganhayes.com/obituary/connie-deskin>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Deskin family.

## On The Shelf ...

Retired Sergeant DeWayne Rucker recently published a novella entitled, "Swift Justice — The Clandestine Protectors." A clandestine organization approaches a college student intending for her to take up their cause. Missouri's Technical Analysis Force must act quickly to halt a tragedy. Will they be successful? This novella can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or iTunes.



### SWIFT JUSTICE

THE CLANDESTINE PROTECTORS

Megan is a college student, or she was, until her world fell apart. Unknown to her, a clandestine organization was vetting her to join their ranks to fight domestic terrorism in the Show Me State. What's reported on the ten o'clock news may not be as it seems—but it's not fake news either. Following what was thought to be a tragic traffic accident, Missouri's Technical Analysis Force, a secret governmental agency, must act quickly to halt another tragedy. Evil is among us and in every fabric of our society. Will fate run its course for another newsworthy event, or will members of MoTAF be able to prevent the unthinkable?

DEWAYNE RUCKER obtained his Administration of Justice, Bachelor of Science degree from Culver-Stodden College, Canton, Missouri. His thirty-six-year service as a trooper with the Missouri State Highway Patrol included twelve years within their Governor's Security Division. While protecting several governors and their families, he witnessed the intricacies of political intrigue. This public service, as well as his travels around the country, gave birth to the novel SWIFT JUSTICE. His public service also includes providing security for the Western District Federal Court House in Jefferson City, Missouri. He and his wife, Maureen, have a son, daughter, and four grandchildren.

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## ~ Thank You ~

My family and I would like to thank my Patrol family for the many cards of sympathy, thoughts, and prayers following the passing of my mother-in-law, Mary Jane Mitts. It makes me proud to be a part of the Missouri Highway Patrol family. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,  
DE Sprv. L. Andy Streeter II and  
family members  
Troop A*

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, notes, and phone calls after the death of my father. My family was very appreciative of your show of support during this difficult time. Your kindness will always be remembered.

*Sincerely,  
Lt. Paul J. Reinsch  
Q/PIED*

My family and I would like to thank the Patrol employees for the kind texts, letters, cards, and support during the passing of my mother. The support from our Patrol family was truly appreciated during this difficult time.

*Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Eric B.  
Frager, Troop C*

# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Two-Person Scramble Golf Tournament Missouri State Highway Patrol Employees and Retirees

Woods Fort Golf Course — Troy, MO  
Monday, June 4, 2018

**Location:** Woods Fort Golf Course  
Troy, MO

#1 Country Club Drive, Troy, MO 63379  
(17 miles north of I-70/I-64-U.S. 40 on U.S.-61)

**Shotgun Start:** 9 a.m.

**Check-In Time:** 7 a.m. – 8 a.m.

**Entry Fee:** \$65 Per Player  
\$130 Per Team

*(Includes Golf, Cart, Cash Prizes, and Meal)*

**Prizes:** Flight Prizes and more!

*(Flights and payout determined by number of team entries.)*

**Area Motel:** Multiple options in Wentzville.

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**Entry Form & Fee Due:** May 25, 2018

### Entry Form — 47th Annual MSHP Golf Tournament

Golfer 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Retiree \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Retiree \_\_\_\_\_

Foursome Preference \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail for Entry Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:** MOSTA. Mail entry form and payment to MOSTA,  
Attn: Golf Tournament, 1729 E. Elm St., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

If you have questions, please email: [jmyers964@gmail.com](mailto:jmyers964@gmail.com) or call (314) 803-8244.

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## Thank You For Your Support!



“A big thank you to everyone who purchased T-shirts for Troop B’s fundraiser for St. Louis Children’s Hospital in memory of Trooper James M. Bava,” said Clerk IV Ronda Shoush, Troop B. “With your support, we were able to donate \$1,236 to the hospital!”

*Clerk IV Ronda Shoush (center) is joined by (l to r) Sergeant Roland Bartels, Sergeant Frank Riley, Corporal Brent Mason, Clerk Typist III Melissa Murr, Tena Von-Thun, DE Cheif Deb Clema, Captain Jimmie Wilt, Chief Operator Mike Weiseman, and Lieutenant Brian Anderson. The check was presented during the December 12, 2017, sergeants’ meeting at troop headquarters. Ronda’s son, Caleb, who owns C.A. Shoush Company, screen printed the shirts.*